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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DENUCLEARIZATION
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OF AFRICA

1. IN A BRIEF CONSULTATION WITH AMB LEONARD APRIL 7,
NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN CONFIRMED THAT AFRICAN GROUP
WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ASKING THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO
TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA. THE
CONTACT GROUP OF THE AFRICAN GROUP (CGAG) WILL MEET APRIL

10 OR 11 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE. IF THE CGAG AND AFRICAN GROUP SHOULD AGREE TO PROCEED AND TO ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, THEN AFRICANS WOULD EXPECT FORMAL SC SESSIONS ON THE ITEM TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF APRIL 17. HARRIMAN WAS DELIBERATELY VAGUE ON THE TYPE OF RESOLUTION THE AFRICAN GROUP MIGHT SEEK. AS OPTIONS, HE MENTIONED BOTH RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT PASSED BY THE 32ND UNGA, THE FIRST CALLING FOR AN END TO ANY ACTIVITY AIDING IN SA DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (RES 32/81 AND THE SECOND CALLING FOR AN END TO ALL NUCLEAR COLLABORATION WITH SA, (RES 32/105(F)). HARRIMAN SAID THAT AFRICAN CONCERN HAD BEEN HEIGHTENED BY RECENT REPORTS THAT THE SAG WAS STEPPING UP ITS NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

2. AMB LEONARD BRIEFLY DESCRIBED US, UK AND FRENCH EFFORTS TO CONVINCE THE SAG TO ACCEPT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS OVER ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES. HE SAID, THAT, SHOULD THE AFRICAN GROUP CONSIDER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, THE US PLAINLY WOULD PREFER THE MORE RESTRICTIVE LANGUAGE OF RES 32/81. HE ASKED HARRIMAN TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH REGARDING AFRICAN INTENTIONS IN THE SC. HARRIMAN AGREED.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE OF COURSE AWARE THAT WE MAY STRONGLY PREFER NO SC RES AT ALL, BUT WE DID NOT PRESS THAT VIEW IN THIS INITIAL SKIRMISH WITH HARRIMAN
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SINCE WE WILL NEED HIS COOPERATION AND HE COULD WELL BE ANGERED IF HE CONCLUDES WE HAVE CLOSED OUR MINDS TO THE POSSIBLE MERITS OF HIS PROJECT. LEONARD

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